

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Civil Rights Division, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE 9/11 ATTACKS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and David P. Petraeus, Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2900–2909; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 77, and H. Res. 397–398, were introduced. **Pages H6138–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6139–40**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6101**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6103**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Leroy Adams, Jr., Morning Star Baptist Church, Omaha, Nebraska. **Page H6103**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011: H.R. 2887, to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs. **Pages H6106–19**

Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act: The House passed H.R. 2218, to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, by a recorded vote of 365 ayes to 54 noes, Roll No. 705. Consideration of the measure began on September 8th. **Pages H6119–23**

Rejected the Hanabusa motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 704. **Pages H6120–22**

Rejected:

Holt amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that was debated on September 8th that sought to encourage the Secretary of Education to include a priority for green school building practices in the application for states to ensure that federal investment in charter school facilities would be energy efficient and environmentally friendly (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 702) and **Page H6119**

King (IA) amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that was debated on September 8th that sought to strike subparagraph (d) of subsection (6) of Sec. (9) which is part of the definition of “high quality charter schools.” Sought to strike the following language: “(D) has demonstrated success in increasing student academic achievement for the subgroups of students described in section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II) (by a recorded vote of 43 ayes to 374 noes, Roll No. 703). **Pages H6119–20**

H. Res. 392, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2218) and (H.R. 1892), was agreed to on September 8th.

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Altmire, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business. **Page H6123**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 398, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H6123**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6119, H6120, H6122, and H6122–23. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINATION OF USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Rural Development Programs. Testimony was heard from Jonathan S. Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utilities Services, Department of Agriculture; Judith A. Canales, Administrator, Rural Business and Cooperative Services, Department of Agriculture; and Tammye H. Treviño, Administrator, Rural Housing Services, Department of Agriculture.

FUTURE OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE U.S. MILITARY TEN YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on The Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives from Outside Experts. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORKFORCE CHALLENGES FACING THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Workforce Challenges Facing the Agriculture Industry.” Testimony was heard from Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a markup of the following: H.R. 2250, the “EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011;” and H.R. 2681, the “Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011.” Both bills were forwarded, without amendment.

ENSURING APPROPRIATE REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF BROKER-DEALERS AND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE INVESTMENT ADVISER OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Appropriate Regulatory Oversight of Broker-Dealers and Legislative Proposals to Improve Investment Adviser Oversight.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled “Road Map to Sound Money: A Legislative

Hearing on H.R. 1098 and Restoring the Dollar.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EVOLUTION OF DRUG CARTELS AND THE THREAT TO MEXICO’S GOVERNANCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a joint hearing entitled “Has Mérida Evolved? Part One: The Evolution of Drug Cartels and the Threat to Mexico’s Governance.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TEN YEARS AFTER 9/11: CAN TERRORISTS STILL EXPLOIT OUR VISA SYSTEM?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Ten Years after 9/11: Can Terrorists Still Exploit our Visa System?” Testimony was heard from Thomas Winkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Edward Ramotowski, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; John Cohen, Deputy Counter-Terrorism, Coordinator, Department of Homeland Security; Peter T. Edge, Deputy Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Richard Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 822, the “National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from Charles H. Ramsey, Commissioner, Philadelphia Police Department; and public witnesses. Committee on Natural Resources.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 302, the “Preserve Land Freedom For Americans Act of 2011”; H.R. 758, the “National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act”; H.R. 817, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 845, the “Montana Land Sovereignty Act”; H.R. 846, the “Idaho Land Sovereignty Act”; and H.R. 2147, the “Utah Land Sovereignty Act.” Testimony was heard from Sen. Hatch; Rep. Rehberg; Rep. Herger; Rep. Foxx; Rep. Labrador; Jerry Taylor, Mayor, Escalante City, UT; and public witnesses.